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Please amend the above-referenced patent application, (the Request for Continued Examination of which is being filed today, July 12, 2006, and is attached herewith) as provided below. The Applicants respectfully submit this Paper comprising the following parts:

- Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2; and
- II. Remarks, beginning on page 8.

Applicants note that the Transmittal to which this paper is attached includes a Certificate under 37 C.F.R §1.8; and a fee statement calculating any fee(s) presently due in connection with the filing of this paper, along with an authorization to charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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